The Holy Mass, which marks the opening of all Alliance conventions, was celebrated by His Excellency Bishop M. Reinys of Lithuania. His Excellency also addressed the convention.

It was voted to have badges for membership — Supreme board to supervise the project.

Committee for 25 year jubilee book: Mrs. J. Medinis, Mrs. S. Sakalas and Mrs. A. Šimutis.

Donation to St. Casimir Academy Building Fund — $25.00.

The second day of the convention Miss M. Brenza was hostess to the delegates at an unusual luncheon at the Shoreland Hotel. She also donated $22.00 to the chapter acquiring the largest number of new members — the winner was the 21st chapter. Illinois Director, Mrs. A. Srupša, also gave $5.00 as a prize.

Supreme officers: Spiritual Director — Rev. A. Linkus; pres. — Mrs. E. Paurazas; vice-pres. — Mrs. E. (Statkus) Verbela; secr. Mrs. M. Vaičiūnas; treas. — Mrs. A. Šimutis; trustees — Miss M. Brenza and Mrs. J. Lukitis.

Directors: Ill. — Mrs. J. Čepulis; Mass., Maine and N.H. — Mrs. V. Liutkus; Mich. — Mrs. J. Medinis; Ohio — Mrs. A. Stepulionis; N.Y. and N.J. — Mrs. M. Sertvitis; Conn. — Miss M. Jokubaitis, Pa. — Mrs. F. Schevets.

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*"Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*
*(Matt. 5:16)*

## Part II — 1939 to 1964

Abounding with enthusiasm and proud of their accomplishments during the first 25 years of existence, the members stepped into their 26th year with complete confidence in the future. Supreme Pres., Mrs. Elizabeth Paurazas, announcing the yearly membership drive, urged the members to "move the earth". Michigan Director, Mrs. Ann Kratage, writing in the "'Moterų Dirva" on the same subject stated: "... Let us work in a manner which would make the year of 1940, in every phase, a year of progress..."

And, so — "sąjungietės" everywhere worked diligently for their Church, their country and themselves. Their earnest desire to broaden the activities of Social members was a perspicacious move and made the years ahead seem bright indeed.

**NINETEENTH CONVENTION**

The 19th convention was held August 7-11, 1939, in St. Casimir's parish, Worcester, Mass., hosted by Chapters 5 and 69.

The mass on opening day was offered by Rev. A. Petraitis, Pastor of St. Casimir's Church. Prayers were said for the dearly departed members: First secretary of the Supreme Board, Miss Monica Gurinskas; first assistant secretary of the Supreme Board, Mrs. F. (Nutautas) Aleksis and Honorary Member, Miss J. Sefeltis.

It was announced that on June 4, 1938, Chapter 43 was organized in St. Peter's parish in Waterbury, Conn. Through the efforts of the Supreme President Elizabeth Paurazas, Chapter 72 was organized in Detroit, Mich.

The convention delegates gave a standing ovation congratulating Editor of "Moterų Dirva", Mrs. Sophia Sakalas, for her beautiful and beneficial contribution to the Women's Alliance — compiling and publishing the 25 year anniversary book.

During the convention banquet Ursula (Jokubauskas) Daukantas, founder of the Women's Alliance, first Supreme President and first Editor of "Moterų Dirva", was presented with a $25.00 gift and honored for her many years of dedicated service to the Women's Alliance.